Recreation Report Malheur National Forest December 29, 2015

Campgrounds & Recreation Sites:

- > Trout Farm water has been turned off & the gate has been closed.
- > Strawberry Campground/Trailhead is gated & locked for the season, <u>however</u>, visitors may still access the area via ski or snow shoe.
- ➤ Chains are needed to drive most roads on the forest. Extreme caution is advised traveling on any FS roads due to snow depth.
- > Starr Sledding Hill is now open to public use, but an area closure remains in effect surrounding: http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd486353.pdf .

Trailheads:

- ➤ Visitors should be advised that there are many trails leading into the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness that remain closed due to hazards.
- ➤ Trails located outside the current closure area are not physically closed, but visitors are asked to be prepared for extreme snow & winter conditions.

The forest wants to remind visitors that it is their responsibility to know which areas are open for their use and which areas remain closed both related to the current fires and previous closure orders.

Recreation Rentals:

- ➤ Sunshine Guard Station is open year round. Cost per night: \$60.00
- ➤ Idlewild Covered Picnic Shelter is *closed* for the season: Cost \$25.00
- Fall Mountain Lookout is *closed* for the season: Cost per night: \$40.00
- ➤ Deer Creek Guard Station is *closed* for the season : Cost per night: \$60.00
- ➤ Murders Creek Guard Station is *closed* for the season: Cost \$50.00
- ➤ Magone Covered Picnic Area is *closed* for the season: Cost \$25.00
- ➤ Magone Group Campsite is *closed* for the season: Cost \$60.00
- ➤ Short Creek Guard Station is *closed* for the season: Cost \$60.00

To make reservations for any of the recreation rentals on the Malheur National Forest, please visit www.recreation.gov or call 1-877-444-6777.

Winter Recreation on the Malheur:

http://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/malheur/recreation/wintersports

**Note: Please use caution when driving or recreating in the backcountry and primitive areas, as you may encounter: down trees, as well, muddy or snowy roads. Please let someone know your plans including a route of travel, and estimated time of return. Also be prepared for rapidly changing weather conditions.